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1. COORDINATION AND PLANNING MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS IS HOME ILL (WITH THE FLU, I THINK) BUT FEELING WELL ENOUGH TO TRANSACT SOME BUSINESS. THERE, I TELEPHONED HIM AT HOME THIS MORNING AND SUMMARIZED FOR HIM THE MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GREECE.

2. PAPALIGOURAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT AND ACTIV ATTENTION BEING GIVEN THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON AND SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE LIST OF DETAILED QUESTIONS LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT.

3. DURING MY CALL YESTERDAY ON FINANCE MINISTER DEVLETOGLOU, I INFORMED HIM ABOUT THE DECISION LATE LAST WEEK OF OUR NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND MONETARY AFFAIRS TO ADOPT FORMALLY A POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR IBRD LENDING TO GREECE. DEVLETOGLOU HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THIS NEWS TO PAPALIGOURAS BEFORE I SPOKE TO THE LATTER, AND PAPALIGOURAS ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR GREECE. I ALSO INFORMED PAPALIGOURAS THAT, NOT WANTING TO LOSE TIME, THE USG WAS NOT AWAITING THE GREEK RESPONSES TO THE UPCOMING QUESTIONNAIRE OR FURTHER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE INITIATING

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INTERNAL CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON AMONG INTERESTED

AGENCIES AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDED EXIM LENDING
AND RENEWED CCC CREDITS TO GREECE.

4. PAPALIGOURAS SAID HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THIS MESSAGE
AND NEWS FROM WASHINGTON AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY IT
IMMEDIATELY TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WHO HE KNEW
WOULD BE VERY PLEASED.

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